

REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding restriction requirement. The Examiner has again set forth a restriction requirement requiring election between Group I, claims 16-25 drawn to a system for electronically identifying a consumable component; Group II, claim 26 drawn to a chemical analyzer; and Group III, claim 27 drawn to a medical laser system. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims of Group I, namely claims 16-25. This election is made without traverse.

The Examiner further notes that there are species contained in the Group I claims, setting forth four different species. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the species of Group B, namely claims 21 and 22. This election is made without traverse.

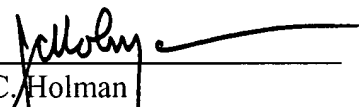
The Examiner states that claim 1 (sic, should be claim 16) is generic and therefore prosecution is to be continued on claims 16, 21 and 22. It is understood that if a generic or subgeneric claim is found allowable then non-elected species dependent therefrom should also be found allowable in this application.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this case is courteously awaited.

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